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SUBJECT: GOE REQUEST FOR CHAPARRAL/VULCAN LOA

REFERENCE: QUITO 04494 (NOTAL), QUITO 1342

1. WE HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF ADMIRAL OLMEDO'S CONCERN RE
POSSIBLE U.K. PAY-OFFS TO ECUADOREAN AIRFORCE OFFICERS IN
CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED RAPIER MISSILE SYSTEM SALE TO
ECUADOR. (QUITO 4494 THIS SUBJECT IS BEING REPEATED TO
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LONDON.) IF OLMEDO'S REPORT IS CORRECT, WE WOULD LIKEWISE
BE CONCERNED THAT BRITISH EMBASSY AND/OR MINISTRY OF
DEFENSE WOULD ENCOURAGE A PAYOFF. THIS IS TRUE AS TO USG
POSITION IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER GOE ULTIMATELY DECIDES TO
BUY U.S. OR U.K. MISSILE SYSTEM.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTING ON AUTHENTICITY OF

OLMEDO'S ASSERTION THAT PAYOFFS ARE INTENDED, SO THAT WE
MAY CONSIDER WHETHER AN APPROACH TO BRITISH IS IN ORDER.

3. RESPONSES TO YOUR AND GOE QUESTIONS ON LOA FOR VULCAN/
CHAPARRAL SYSTEM ARE BEING SENT SEPTEL. VANCE

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